

MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
From: Carol Guthrie for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
Jill Gerber for Senate Finance Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)
Re: Letter requesting release of TANF regulations

Please be advised: Senators Baucus and Grassley sent the letter below on Monday of this week, requesting the timely release of regulations regarding work activities under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. The release of the regulations will inform the Finance Committee's oversight of the TANF program, and will give states basic information necessary to serving families moving from welfare to work.

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The Honorable Jim Nussle
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director Nussle:

As you know, Title VII of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations relating to whether activities can be counted as "work activities" under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. As Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over the TANF program, we are very interested in these final regulations. We are aware that there is also a great deal of interest among state and welfare policy stakeholders regarding the issuance of these regulations.

We understand that these regulations are currently pending at the Office of Management and Budget. We would appreciate your assistance in expediting their release.

Sincerely,


Max Baucus
Chairman


Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member